

## RS polling in progress



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The polling for three Rajya Sabha seats is going on amid speculations of Congress victory. Legislators are making a queue at the voting room to cast their votes.

The polling began at the Assam Assembly at 9 in the morning in presence of the leaders of all political parties. Congress candidate Bhubneswar Kalita, BPF candidate Biswajeet Daimry and Opposition consensus candidate Haidor Hussain are present in the polling office premises.

The polling is set to continue till 4 in the afternoon. The results would be available at 5 in the evening after the seal of approval from the Election Commission.

The polling is required to fill up the three vacancies following the end of the terms for Bhubneswar Kalita, Biswajeet Daimary and Birendra Prasad Baishya.

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## Koch-Rajbongshis reiterates demand for Kamatapur, ST status



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**UDALGURI:** Reiterating its demand of Kamatapur statehood and Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) categorization of the Koch-Rajbongshi community, the [Udalguri](#) district committee All Koch-Rajbongshi Students' Union (AKRSU) along with All Koch-Rajbongshi Sanmilani(AKRS) staged sit-in-protest at the DC office premises here in [Udalguri](#) on Monday. The organizations, staged the protest for three hours starting from 11 pm. The protestors came down heavily on the alleged statement made by [Tribal](#) Affairs Minister, Juel Oram , that it takes four decades to [grant ST](#) status to a community, and hence there's little hope for fulfilling the [demands](#) for [ST](#) status. The activists holding placards raised high pitched slogans and rented the air with 'No [ST](#) no rest', 'BJP go back'. [President](#) of [Udalguri](#), AKRSU, Atul Barman alleged that the government has turned deaf ears to the genuine [demands](#) of the community for years.

He also criticized the government for making false promises regarding fulfillment of their [demands](#) within six months from coming into power. The [student leader](#) also alleged that [indigenous](#) Koch-Rajbongshi people have been meted out harassment at various places of [state](#) in the ongoing verification of [National](#) Register of Citizens(NRC). He further stated that if the government doesn't [grant ST](#) status to the community before 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the people will be forced to vote the alternative parties. [President](#) of All Koch Rajbongshi Sanmilani (AKRS), Sunil Kumar Barman also criticized the saffron party and PM Modi for false pre-poll promises. The two organizations also submitted separate memorandums to Prime Minister, [Narendra Modi](#) and Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal through the office of Deputy Commissioner, [Udalguri](#).

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